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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): An interlabial pad having longitudinal and lateral directions ~~appropriate for insertion between the labia of a wearer-an appropriate size to contain an absorbent body which can absorb body fluid and to be pinched between labia without forcing,~~ the interlabial pad comprising:

an interlabial pad body for absorbing body fluid; and

a pair of flap portions at each provided on the interlabial pad body to extend beyond the side edges portion of both sides of the interlabial pad body in the lateral direction which cover labia majora when the interlabial pad is worn,

said interlabial pad body has a surface side sheet disposed on the body side for contacting the skin of the wearer and a backside sheet disposed opposite to the surface side sheet, and the surface side sheet and the backside sheet are bonded together at the peripheral edges thereof to enclose an absorbent body for absorbing said body fluid, and

wherein the pair of the flap portions is provided with a surface for contacting the skin of the wearer, and said surface has an adhesive portion on a skin contact face which contacts a skin of a wearer.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the pair of flap portions is provided at a part of each side edge portion of the both sides of the interlabial pad body or almost all parts of each side edge portion of the both sides of the interlabial pad body.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the interlabial pad body comprises another pair of flap portions at each side edge portion of the both sides.

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Claim 4 (previously provided): The interlabial pad according to claims 1, wherein the pair of flap portions is provided at a position biased towards either end portion in a longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad.

Claim 5 (previously provided): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the flap portions are extensible at least partially.

Claim 6 (previously provided): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, the pad comprising:

a water-permeable surface side sheet provided on a body side face; and
a water-impermeable back side sheet provided on an opposite side face to the body side face,

wherein the flap portions are composed of an extended part of the water-permeable surface side sheet, an extended part of the water-impermeable back side sheet, or equally extended parts of both the water-permeable surface side sheet and the water-impermeable back side sheet.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, the pad comprising a mini-sheet piece which forms a finger insertion opening having a finger breadth opening secured and a finger insertion space continuing therefrom,

wherein the mini-sheet piece is attached to an opposite side face to a body side face of the interlabial pad body.

Claim 8 (previously provided): ~~The interlabial pad according to claim 1, comprising a mini-sheet piece attached to the interlabial pad,~~ An interlabial pad having an appropriate size to contain an absorbent body for absorbing body fluid and to be pinched between labia, the interlabial pad comprising:

an interlabial pad body for absorbing body fluid;

a pair of flap portions at side edges of the interlabial pad body.

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wherein the pair of flap portions is provided with an adhesive for contacting a skin of a wearer, and

wherein the mini-sheet piece having a length dimension longer than a lateral dimension of the interlabial pad body is attached on the opposite side face to the body side face of the interlabial pad body by crossing the interlabial pad body in a lateral direction, and

wherein the pair of flap portions is formed by protrusion parts of the mini-sheet piece protruding from both side edges of the interlabial pad body in the longitudinal direction.

Claim 9 (original): The interlabial pad according to claim 8,
wherein the mini-sheet piece forms a finger insertion opening having a fingerbreadth opening between the mini-sheet piece and the opposite side face to the body side face of the interlabial pad, and the finger inserting space continuing therefrom.

Claim 10 (Original): The interlabial pad according to claim 7, wherein the mini-sheet piece is composed of a water-permeable sheet, a water-impermeable sheet, or a lamination of the water-permeable sheet and the water-impermeable sheet.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,
wherein the adhesive portion provided on the flap portions has a separation strength of 0.3 to 2.0 N and a shear strength of 0.5 to 15.0 N.

Claim 12 (previously provided): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, comprising a long convex area extending in a longitudinal direction on a body side face.

Claim 13 (previously provided): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,
wherein the interlabial pad is used with a sanitary napkin.

Claim 14 (previously provided): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,
wherein the interlabial pad comprises an interlabial pad for incontinence.

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Claim 15 (previously provided): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,
wherein the interlabial pad comprises an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A wrapping body ~~composed of~~ comprising the interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1, the wrapping body comprising a wrapping container that contains the interlabial pad,

wherein the the pair of flap portions provided on the interlabial pad is temporarily fixed detachably to an inner face of the wrapping container.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A wrapping body ~~composed of~~ comprising the interlabial pad as claimed in claim 7, the wrapping body comprising a wrapping container that wraps the interlabial pad,

wherein the flap portions provided on the interlabial pad are temporarily fixed detachably to an inner face of the wrapping container, and

wherein the interlabial pad is folded and contained such that the finger insertion opening opens when the wrapping container is unsealed.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The wrapping body according to claim 16,
wherein the wrapping container comprises a series of wrapping sheets ~~rolled~~ folded so as to form an overlapped region which is overlapped by itself in a portion of the series of wrapping sheets,

wherein the inner face to which the flap portions are temporarily fixed comprises an inner portion of a face having both side edges to form the overlapped portion.

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